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SUBJECT: XUAN THUY WARNS RADIO AUDIENCE OF "PROTRACTED" WAR AHEAD

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1. IN THE HIGHEST-LEVEL NORTH VIETNAMESE PUBLIC STATEMENT THUS FAR
ON THE CURRENT COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE, PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE SECRETARY
XUAN THUY BROADCAST AN AVUNCULAR SPEECH MARCH 20 TO COMMEMORATE THE
SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE FINAL U.S. MILITARY WITHDRAWAL FROM VIETNAM

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XUAN THUY HAD HEADED THE DRV DELEGATION IN THE PARIS NEGOTIATIONS.

2. THUY REITERATED THE FAMILIAR LINE THAT THE DRV AND "PRG" HAD RE-
PEATEDLY WARNED THE U.S. AND GVN TO IMPLEMENT THE PARIS AGREEMENT
TO THEIR LIKING AND EXPRESSED REGRET THAT THE U.S. AND GVN "HAVE NOT
RESPONDED TO OUR GOOD WILL AND WARNINGS." "THEREFORE," HE CLAIMED,
"THE SOUTHERN PEOPLE HAVE SEETHINGLY RISEN UP" TO DEAL "APPROPRIATE
PUNITIVE BLOWS." IN AN INGENIOUS EFFORT TO EXPLAIN EXPANSION OF

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"LIBERATED" TERRITORY IN TOTAL VIOLATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT,

THUY BLITHELY ASSERTED: "NATURALLY, IN ORDER TO FULFILL THEIR MISSION, THE PEOPLE AND LIBERATION ARMED FORCES HAVE TO TAKE OVER THOSE AREAS WHICH ARE LEFT BY THE THIEU TROOPS WHO, AFTER BEING PUNISHED, ARE RUNNING AWAY."

3. THUY EMPHASIZED THAT THE U.S. AND GVN WERE CONTINUING TO RESIST THE COMMUNISTS AND EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT "THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE... WILL ULTIMATELY WIN COMPLETE VICTORY." HOWEVER, HE URGED HIS AUDIENCE TO "HEIGHTEN VIGILANCE" AND TO "STRENGTHEN OUR REALIZATION" THAT "THE STRUGGLE TO INSURE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE DIFFICULT, COMPLEX AND PROTRACTED, INVOLVING MANY HARDSHIPS BEFORE WE ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE AND DEMOCRACY." THUY WENT ON TO URGE THAT "THE CURRENT ATMOSPHERE OF JOY AND ENTHUSIASM" BE CHanneLED TO "FURTHER INTENSIFY THE EMULATION MOVEMENT FOR PRODUCTIVE LABOR, ECONOMICAL CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIALISM AND OVERFULFILLMENT OF THE 1975 STATE PLAN."

4. COMMENT: THE BASIC THRUST OF THUY'S SPEECH APPEARS TO BE TO DAMPEN WIDESPREAD EXPECTATIONS IN HANOI THAT THE TAKEOVER OF THE SOUTH IS NOW WITHIN EASY REACH AND THAT THE LONG WAR IS ON THE VERGE OF BEING OVER. HE IS CALLING FOR CONTINUED SELF-SACRIFICE IN MEETING THE DUAL LONG-TERM GOALS OF WINNING THE WAR IN THE SOUTH AND ACHIEVING ECONOMIC RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTH, NEITHER OF WHICH, HE FEELS, IS LIKELY TO OCCUR SOON. WHILE IT IS POSSIBLE TO READ TOO MUCH INTO HIS WARNING TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE PUBLIC THAT THE WAR IN THE SOUTH IS STILL GOING TO BE "PROTRACTED", IT SEEMS TO SIGNAL THAT HANOI'S LEADERSHIP DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT "COMPLETE VICTORY" IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.
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